



Integrity explored by expert panel

Group discussed the pressure of being a student

By OSVALDO CASTILLO

Staff Writer

Academic Integrity Week began Monday at the SJSU Engineering building. Three elected officials held a panel discussion on a variety of issues ranging from academic to political issues.

The three speakers were Speaker pro tempore Sally Lieber, Santa Clara County Supervisor Ken Yeager and San Jose Councilman Forrest Williams. About 100 students attended the event.

The issue in which most of the students seemed to be interested was the issue of academic integrity. The speakers told the audience how amazed they were at the amount of stress and pressure that students went through these days. Lieber told the audience that her generation was partly responsible for this.

"We handed you guys more problems than we have solved," she told the audience. "You will always feel enormous pressure throughout your lives. Be careful about the choices you make."

Yeager expressed his opinion on cheating to get ahead. He told the students their difficult lives may tempt them to find some sort of way to catch a break and cheat.

"You may find yourself peeking at your neighbor's paper or look at your teachers past tests to get an advantage," he said.

He told the students that cheating would hurt them in the long run because they will not be able to apply the skills they were supposed to have learned in college in real-world situations.

Yeager was the first to speak about the issue of campaign integrity. He was asked how he felt about receiving money from donors in exchange from political favors.

"It is very difficult to raise money at the local level," he said. "A candidate has to make sure that his or her campaign is ethical."

Williams also addressed the issue. He agreed with Yeager about the difficulty of raising money at

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PEDAL, SKATE AND RIDE THROUGH CAMPUS



ANNE RIGOR // SPECIAL TO THE DAILY

Beth Harberts, a graduate student in Kinesiology, pauses a moment before riding off to class on her bike.

Bicycle policy to change

By MARK ASPILLERA

Staff Writer



ANNE RIGOR // SPECIAL TO THE DAILY

A single bicycle is locked to the railing outside the Art building on Monday.

New non-motorized vehicle policy in works a proposed new policy that would permit non-motorized vehicles such as skateboards, roller/inline skates and scooters as well as bicycles is being evaluated by the Office of the President, said SJSU Parking Traffic and Transit Advisory Committee chair Linda Roper.

"We composed the proposal as logical common courtesy rules," said Roper.

UPD wrote the most recent version of the proposed policy, titled the "SJSU Non-Motorized Vehicle Policy." UPD is one of the groups presented on the Transit Committee.

The existing policy, Presidential Directive 90-01, restricts use of "skateboards,

roller skates and similar devices," on campus at any time.

Steve Sloan, help desk and information technology support services specialist and lecturer in journalism & mass communications, opposes the new policy.

"I think formally allowing bikes in the campus core is a big mistake," he said in an email interview. "I do not believe this is a place where bicycles belong."

Presidential Directive 90-01 restricts through-campus bicycle riding on San Carlos Street, Paseo de Cesar Chavez, Eighth Street and Ninth Street. Biking is permitted on Fourth Street, San Fernando Street, San Salvador Street and 10th Street on the campus' outer perimeter.

The new policy will not expressly elimi-

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Campus Village Evacuated

A water flow alarm keeps students out of rooms until 1:45 a.m.

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Source: UPD Emergency Procedures Handbook and Campus Village Community Living Handbook

By MICHAEL RIZZO

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The San Jose Fire Department responded to a water-flow alarm tripped on the sixth floor of Campus Village Building B just before 1:00 a.m. Monday, forcing student residents to evacuate, police officials said.

Sgt. John Laws of the University Police Department said a water-flow alarm "indicates that the sprinkler system is in use, therefore the fire department should respond."

Fire officials have reported conflicting information about what happened in the building. On the scene, San Jose Fire Department Capt. Richard Toledo said someone "maliciously" tampered with an inspector water valve, which is used to test the proper functioning of the building's sprinkler system.

But Capt. Craig Schwinge, public information officer for the fire department, said a "broken water pipe" was to blame, according to the report.

No fire occurred, and To-

ledo said officials were unable to pinpoint a perpetrator. No one was reported hurt during the evacuation.

Resident advisers directed evacuees to the north side of Building C until students were allowed back in the building at about 1:45 a.m.

"All I remember," said Leoni Lloyd, a sophomore business administration major and resident of the complex, "is that it took everybody about an hour to get out. And then we were standing outside for like two hours."

CSU, UC leaders consider financial issues

By MICHELLE LOCKE

Associated Press Writer

BERKELEY - Higher education leaders tackle financial issues this week with California State University trustees considering paying top brass more while University of California officials look at raising professional school fees.

At Cal State, the nation's largest four-year system with more than 400,000 students, trustees meeting today and Wednesday in Long Beach are set to vote on raising executive pay by nearly 12 percent, a proposal that has been widely criti-

cized.

Administrators say the raise is necessary to help close a 46 percent pay gap between CSU executives and their counterparts elsewhere in the nation.

"We compete for university presidents and senior executives of the university system in a national marketplace," said Board of Trustees Chairwoman Roberta Achtenberg. "Our executives are much sought after. Their level of excellence is widely acknowledged and we need to compensate them appropriately, at least in a way that's competitive with our comparison institutions."

But opponents say the raises are

On the agenda

The CSU board of trustees will discuss executive raises at their meetings today and Wednesday despite recent criticism for raising student fees.

a bad idea at a time when student fees have been steadily increasing.

"It's jumping out at us as another example of what are really chronically misplaced priorities," said Lillian Taiz, president of the California Faculty Association.

Lt. Gov. John Garamendi, who sits on the boards of both CSU and UC because of his office, wrote in

a letter to Achtenberg and CSU Chancellor Charles Reed that the pay raises are "ill-timed and unwise" and "will most assuredly arouse the ire of students, faculty and the Legislature."

Executive pay has been a thorny issue in public higher education,

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Magazine focuses on abroad students

By MARK ASPILLERA

Staff Writer

Cafe Abroad InPRINT, a new magazine touting itself as "the next development in study abroad," is now stocked by the Study Abroad office.

The interschool magazine publishes quarterly and features student-written articles about their experiences abroad, according to managing editor and co-founder Dan Schwartzman.

"Cafe Abroad InPRINT is distributed in increments of 30 copies to more than 300 universities nationwide," wrote Schwartzman in an e-mail interview.

Schwartzman and Mark Travers, publisher and fellow co-founder, were motivated to create a magazine focused on study abroad experiences after their own travels as students. Travers studied in Barcelona and Madrid, and Schwartzman studied in Brisbane, Australia in 2002.

"After graduating we were both working at a small paper in the summer of 2006 and reflecting on our experiences overseas," Schwartzman said.

"We recognized that there was no space for students who were aspiring writers to share their experiences with peers, so we founded the Web site as a social network with a journalism bend," he said.

The magazine's online counterpart currently features more than 250 stories from student writers.

The most recent issue has no articles from SJSU students.

"They really want San Jose State to be involved," said Baum about Cafe Abroad's editorial staff.

According to Baum, the next issue will include

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Scanned cover art of the Fall 2007 issue of Cafe Abroad, a new magazine from the Study Abroad office.

STUDENT LIFE

FEELING THE ISLAND FEVER

One writer reviews the inaugural Treasure Island Music Festival that rocked the Bay Area last weekend in San Francisco.

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OPINION

THE DANGERS OF TEXTING AND DRIVING

Student Life editor tackles a law that bans teens from texting behind the wheel.

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DON'T CLIMB A TREE; GO CLIMB A ROCK

Students enjoy an alternative fitness option in downtown at Touchstone San Jose.

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nate areas where bicycling is off-limits according to Roper.

“Right now, the bike zones are not set in stone,” she said, referring to the absence of defined bicycling areas in the new policy.

Sloan believes that more bicycles on campus would be a safety issue.

“I ride 80 (to) 100 miles a week, yet I am concerned that the riding of bicycles in the campus core poses a threat to both cyclists themselves as well as pedestrians,” Sloan said.

Sloan was on the Campuswide Safety Advisory Committee, a human resources group that hears safety petitions from administrative staff, faculty and on-campus unions, when it recommended Presidential Directive 90-01 to President Gail Fullerton. Sloan remains a current member of the Safety Committee.

Michaux Burchard, chair of the Safety Committee and a human resources representative on the Transit Committee, believes that the Safety Committee does not have grounds to oppose the proposed new policy because it does not pose a campus safety issue.

“It’s easy to say somebody’s going to get hurt,” Burchard said in reference to claims that the new policy would be a safety hazard, “but we don’t see the evidence.”

Edward Chichester, a lecturer in chemistry, thinks that the real safety issue is bikers having to ride on the outer perimeter of the campus in automobile traffic.

“There are no bike lanes,” Chichester said. “Someone is really going to get killed on Fourth or 10th Street.”

Andy Chow, commute specialist coordinator in Associated Students Transport Solutions, a group established in 2000 to “alleviate traffic congestion and reduce the high demand for limited campus parking facilities,” and one of its representatives on the Transit Committee, agrees that possible safety hazard issues are not serious.

“It’s like saying ‘to prevent car accidents, cars are banned,’” said Chow, referring to the barring of bicycles from certain areas of the campus.

Transportation Solutions supports the new policy because of issues with parking on campus according to Chow.

The new policy includes the placement of signs on campus indicating areas off-limits to bicycles.

“There should be signage even with the old policy,” Roper said. She was not sure why the current signs have been neglected.

The Transit Committee has been working on a new policy for the past five years that would include new signs, Roper said.

Chichester, who has biked to campus for the past 20 years, believes that the rules regarding bicycles on campus have been subject to neglect.

“It doesn’t impact their lives,” he said, referring to what he sees as a lack of interest amongst the administration.

The Office of the President has the final say in whether any new bicycle policy will be implemented.

“They should have planned it a lot better,” said Henry Joseph Morillo, a graduate student in social work, referring to the existing policy.

Morillo received citations from the UPD in the past for biking up to the bicycle corral adjacent to Washington Square Hall. The corral is set in the middle of an unlabelled no-bicycle zone.

The Transit Committee will have a new meeting on Sept. 25 in the AS House to discuss revisions to the new policy.

CORRECTIONS

• **Academic Integrity Week**
In an article published on Sept.10,

titled “Academic Senate sets sights on plagiarism,” the Spartan Daily reported that the Associated Students were responsible in part for the planning of Academic Integrity Week.

Although A.S. does help promote the event, the article should have attributed the planning and creation to the SJSU office of student conduct and ethical development.

SPARTA GUIDE

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TODAY

Academic Integrity Week Student Workshop

A student workshop will be held as part of Academic Integrity Week in the Engineering building rooms 287 and 287 from 2 to 3 p.m.

“How to Choose the Right Business Idea”

Stuart Skorman, Founder and CEO of Elephant Pharmacy, will give a talk co-sponsored by the Lucas Graduate School of Business from 6 to 8 p.m. in the Martin Luther King Jr. Library rooms 225 and 229.

Faculty Piano Recital

From 12:30 to 1:15 p.m. the SJSU School of Music and Dance will host the bi-weekly Listening Hour “Live Music” concert series. Sultanov will perform Bach — Busoni, Schubert — Liszt, Amirov and Scri-

abin. For more information, contact coordinator Joan Stubbe at 924-4649 or jstubbe@email.sjsu.edu.

Sept. 19

Graduate School Information Day

Representatives from over 40 different institutions, including SJSU, will be distributing information and answering questions about opportunities for graduate school at the El Paseo De Cesar Chavez from 10 a.m to 2 p.m. The event is free and all students are welcome to attend.

Student Workshop on Paper Writing

A workshop on how to write an academic and scholarly paper will be held from 2 to 3 p.m. in the Engineering building rooms 285 and 287.

ABROAD // International students given opportunity to share experience

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the writing of SJSU student Jade Law. Law is listed on cafeabroad.com as part of Cafe Abroad’s “Team Asia.”

Schwartzman said the team system is how the staff organizes stories and assignments for prospective writers.

“Instead of freelancers we put together teams of students in different cities around the world. Those students work on a number of initiatives (study abroad city guides, magazine and web stories, promotional events and more),” he said, adding that the teams have resulted in “scores of great stories.”

Both Baum and Schwartzman hope the magazine will encourage more students to study abroad, as well as be a hub for students currently abroad.

Darren Mistry, a senior business major, chose not to study abroad.

“I thought about it, but I didn’t really take the opportunity,” he said. He believes that a magazine like Café Abroad would have convinced him to take it.

“Ultimately, the magazine is a device to represent our Web site, which is an even more useful resource for prospective and current study abroad students,” Scharzman said.

Schools will be able to purchase the network solution for \$500 for the first semester and \$250 for subsequent semesters.

The magazine has little promotional material or distribution outside of study abroad offices.

“We think the display racks and the relationships we have with abroad offices will position us to grow roots in the study abroad community,” Schwartzman said.

Cafe Abroad establishes its campus distribution purely through contact with study abroad offices, said study abroad advisor Lisa Baum.

“The reaction from schools has been overwhelmingly warm once I got past cold calls,” Schwartzman said.

As of now, schools receive Cafe Abroad free of charge.

“We don’t know if we’ll have to pay later,” Baum said.

“Our magazine will expand in size as our number of advertisers does,” Schwartzman said, referring to Cafe Abroad’s overhead costs.

Editor Schwartzman hopes to garner income for the magazine by implementing a new “network solution” this Fall.

“Essentially it is a private network on our larger network,” he said, referring the magazine’s Web site, “Schools like it because they will be able to manage and maintain their prospective and current students.”

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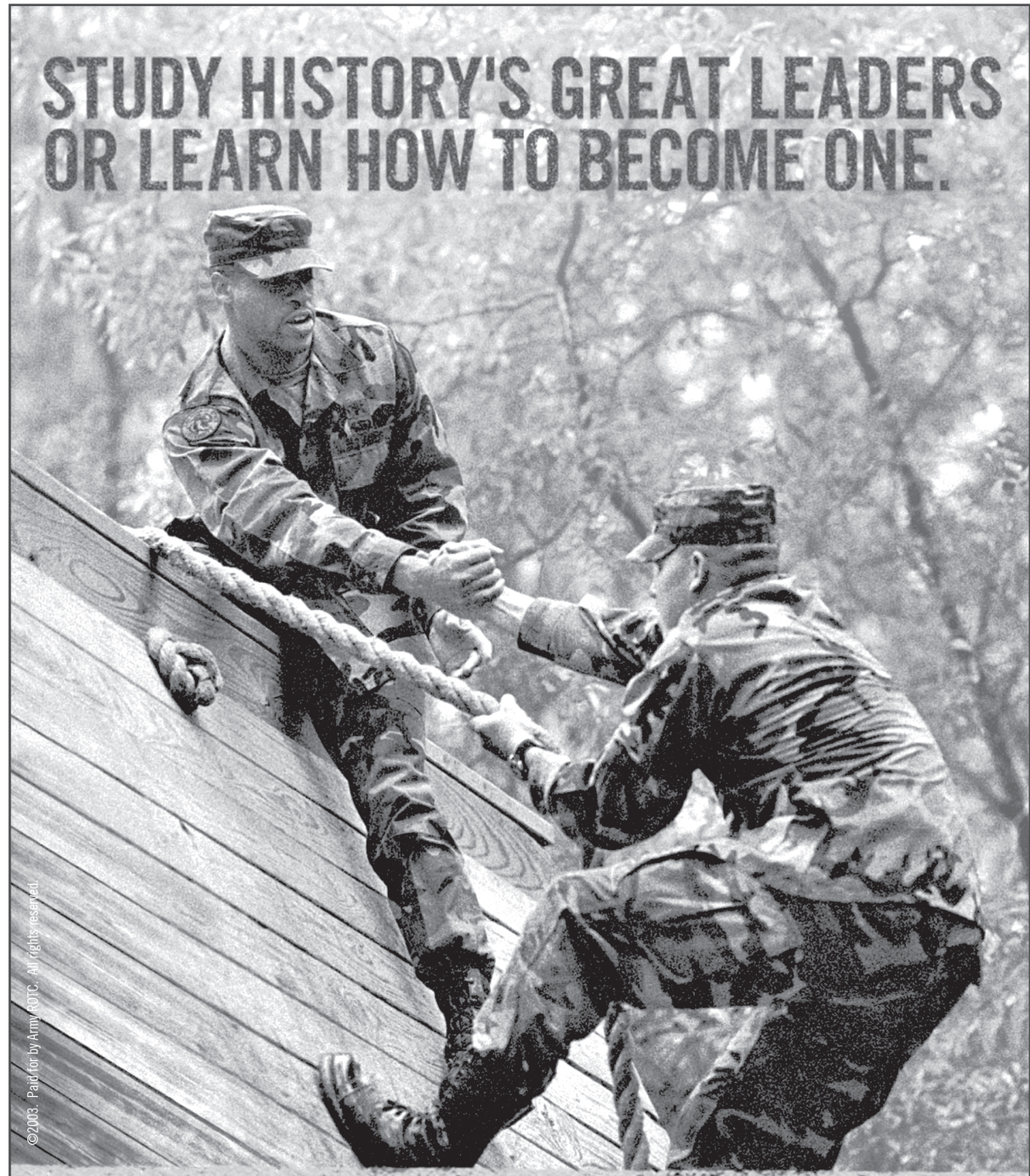
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OVERHEARD

"I don't think she knew her tights were see-through."

ON CAMPUS

Music festival rocks Treasure Island



By BRIANA HERNANDEZ
Staff Writer

Long lines, Port-A-Potties, mud and over-priced everything. That's a music festival for you. Yet, take this setting, put it on the beautiful Treasure Island in San Francisco, and add to that some of the hottest bands of the moment — it's still no Woodstock, but it ain't half bad.

Treasure Island's weekend-long fest included a huge lineup of bands, including DJ Shadow and Cut Chemist, Thievery Corporation, M.I.A. and Zion I.

The second half of Treasure Island's Sunday bill kicked off with Clap Your Hands And Say Yeah, a band whose name floats around the indie scene and can't help being heard every once in a while. The picture that a name like this generates in your head is a high-energy, bratty rock-out with the obligatory '80s chic that all "it" bands have in common.

Yet their first song that evening made you feel like you died, went to heaven, met Shannon Hoon and then he played you Blind Melon songs all the live-long day. It was only the terrible sound of the main stage speak-

Two-day concert hooks alternative-rock and electronic-pop lovers from the Bay

ers that brought you back to earth.

The desperately needed energy didn't kick in until the third song. Only there did you get a glimpse of some playful vibrancy. When they really got the ball rolling, Clap Your Hands was a weird, Weezer concoction with Devo quirkiness.

I heard someone waiting in the crowd for Devil Makes Three say, "We love you guys. You're the only ones here who sound different." Never a truer statement was made. Devil Makes Three's sultry, lounge-style rockabilly made them the refreshing black sheep of their billmates. Singer Pete Bernhard's vocals invoked the spirit of Bradley Nowell. This, set against gorgeous flamenco guitar and stand-up bass, was like a chilled-out version of Squirrel Nut Zippers. They were really an act for all.

Built to Spill was a '90s time warp just like Clap Your Hands. Only this time, singer Doug Martsch was obviously a Counting Crows fan. It all brought back a whoosh of flannel shirts, coffee houses and all the

other collegiately melancholy things of which you can think. Their cliched lyrics and overall whining came right in time with the sunset, making the opening of their set an ultimate downer. Yet again, like Clap Your Hands, they came back fighting with savage distortion and playful change-ups. In the end, they met the tone of a music festival. It's supposed to be fun, damn it.

Film School sounds like Dredg. Their commanding start rode on atmospheric yet enormous sound, just like Dredg. The pedal effects were an endearing, constant whine amid the chaos of bass and drum, just like Dredg. Bands need to stop sounding like Dredg.

Spoon is just one of those bands you have to say you like in order to be cool. Their low-key, beat-heavy rock comes up to you and says: "Hi there. I'm friendly. Take me home." Put them on a live stage and this doesn't change, which is a little disappointing. There is supposed to be some element of uncorked ferocity that makes a live show epic. These guys just play a little

faster. It was Spoon, though. Straight-forward and accessible.

The headlining Modest Mouse took the stage in darkness, playing, basically, a typical set. Modest Mouse is music you just can't hate. At worst, it's tolerable. The erratic vocals of Isaac Brock are cutely charismatic. At their best, this band even goes so far as to rock, like most bands today seem afraid of doing.

Yet this is not the peak of Modest Mouse by any means. Somewhere down the line, this band just lost its juice, and this performance was just indicative of that. Perhaps it was the incorporation of new songs, which are just a shadow of the old band.

This portion of Treasure Island overall was a little subpar when it comes to what a weekend-long music fest is supposed to be about. The \$60 tickets and the shuttling to an island seemed to promise a little more than decent bands playing well enough to get paid. Nothing even got burned, for God's sake!



BRIANA HERNANDEZ // SPARTAN DAILY
Daniel Britt, singer for the band Spoon, sings at the inaugural Treasure Island music festival in San Francisco on Sunday. The event was a two-day concert featuring alternative-rock band Modest Mouse and electronic-pop band Thievery Corporation.

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Downtown bouldering gives students a fit alternative



By SARAH KYO
Staff Writer

Andrew Johnson, a freshman undeclared major, said he was afraid of heights when his uncle introduced him to rope climbing about a year-and-a-half ago.

“It’s kind of an oxymoron, I know,” Johnson said, “but after I saw bouldering doesn’t go as high, I kind of felt a little safer.”

Bouldering is a type of sport climbing that does not require equipment, such as rope and a harness.

Art Balaoro, a senior psychology major and philosophy minor, is the general manager of Touchstone San Jose, located next door to the Camera 12 movie theater.

Planet Granite, with locations in Sunnyvale and Belmont, offers bouldering, along with rope and lead climbing. According to the gym’s Web site, both locations have bouldering walls, caves and aretes, which are thin, rock ridges. The Sunnyvale location also has an outdoor bouldering area.

The more traditional route or rope climbing usually involves a rope and harness, and people can climb at least 30 to 35 feet high, Balaoro said. With bouldering, people usually go up 12 to 16 feet or sometimes higher, depending on the location. Mats or crash pads catch people if they fall while bouldering.

“By nature, bouldering tends to be a little bit more powerful and technical compared to the other styles of climbing,” Balaoro said. “If you wanted to make an analogy, you can think of bouldering as sprinting and then route climbing as long-distance running or something more endurance-based.”

Paul Spitzmueller, a world religions

teacher at Bellarmine College Preparatory in San Jose, is a part-time staff member at Touchstone. Spitzmueller said he has been climbing for about six years, but



PHOTOS BY HANNA THRASHER // SPARTAN DAILY

Art Balaoro demonstrates proper technique while bouldering at Touchstone San Jose.

he became more interested in bouldering thanks to two former students who had built a bouldering wall in their house.

He said he advises a rock climbing club at his high school, and many of the students are interested in bouldering.

“It’s very inexpensive,” he said, “and it’s a different way to get in shape than going to a gym and lifting weights or getting on a track and running. It gets you into shape in a whole new way.”

A \$10 day pass at Touchstone allows

people to leave the building and return the same day. A 10-day pass is \$80, while a one-month pass is \$65. There are also monthly and annual memberships.

Balaoro, who has worked at Touchstone for about four years, almost as long as the gym has been open, said he has seen a rise in membership as well as in the sport’s popularity. Balaoro talked about the convenience of climbing in a gym and its contribution to climbing sports’ popularity.

“You can go in for lunchtime and climb hard and meet a wide array of people,” he said. “Also, gym climbing has kind of led to a new, almost, breed of climber where they tend to get really strong really fast. Just by nature, when you climb at a gym, you’re doing sets over and over again, and it makes your body really strong in a relatively short amount of time.”

Spitzmueller summed up bouldering’s appeal in two words: minimal and accessible.

“(With) bouldering, you don’t need a whole lot of gear,” he said. “You don’t need the metal pieces. You don’t need the harness, the ropes, so on; it’s really minimal.”

“Two,” he said, “you can almost find it anywhere. There’s a piece of rock that you can find that’s much closer than the mountains.”

If someone wanted to get in touch with nature, however, multiple people mentioned Bishop, Calif., Castle Rock State Park in Saratoga and Pinnacles National Monument near Hollister as a few great outdoors locations for bouldering.

So, about his fear of heights?

“Actually I got rid of it,” Johnson said, who has become comfortable with both rope climbing and bouldering.

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- Ja, to Jacques
- You bet!
- Disturb
- "Monkey face"
- Up, on a map
- Sweetheart
- Whichever
- Big flop
- Untidy people
- Ugh!
- Giri at a ball
- Cookie sheets
- Electric bridge
- Union flouters
- Pampas back-drop
- Golf tees
- Adherent
- Rainier's realm
- Blossomed, as corn

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- Karate studio
- Melville captain
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- Discontinues
- Birthdays count
- Winding
- Sarawak's island
- During
- Long sentence
- Thing
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- Electric bridge
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HEATHER DRISCOLL

One More Thing Before You Go

Driving while texting. Or as I like to put it, “DWT.” It has become idiosyncratic among our generation, and though I am quite ashamed to admit it, I too am a victim, er, am guilty of this bad habit.

On Sept. 13 our governor signed a law which prohibits teens under the age of 18 from driving under the influence of electronic devices, including cell phones, pagers, laptops, music players and hands-free devices beginning July 1, 2008.

First off, let me just say this: regardless of age and driving experience, if you’re driving while typing or browsing on your laptop, then I denounce you as an A-class idiot who shouldn’t be allowed behind the wheel.

Now that I got that off my chest, lets get back to that text message from the state of California — you know, the one that says “put me down — thx :)”

Except the law doesn’t apply to me because I’m 21 years old and a much more experienced driver than those naive teens, right?

Then again, you would think after Governor Schwarzenegger passed a law last year (also to take affect July 1) pro-

hibiting all drivers from cell-phone use, with the exception of hands-free devices, people would get the hint that cell phones while driving are a definite “no no.”

Yeah, I know. I never got that memo and neither did you.

In an article from msnbc.com, Schwarzenegger made reference to California Highway Patrol statistics, stating that cell phone use is one of the main causes of distracted-driver related accidents.

He also alluded to a Ford Motor Company study that said “teens are four times more likely to be distracted than adults by cell phone use.”

I agree to disagree (thanks, opinion editor Lindsay Bryant).

Combining my own meandering experience along with observations as a driver and a pedestrian, I’ve come to the conclusion that adults can be just as distracted by electronic devices as teens.

Researchers at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign conducted a study that “tested the hands-free approach and found that drivers — young and old — struggled to see dangerous scenarios in front of them,” according to an article on their news bureau Web site.

In the article, Arthur F. Kramer, a professor of psychology, said, “What we found was that both young adults and older adults tended to show deficits in performance. They made more errors in detecting important changes and they took longer to react to the changes.”

It is simply ridiculous to pick on one

specific age group.

If that’s the case, why not ban 70-year-olds from driving for reasons such as a delay in reaction time or an inability to multi-task.

Heck, I think the next step should be for legislation to ban 20-somethings from cell phone use in vehicles because they are too busy planning a night at the club; 30-somethings who are finding out that their job has gone down the drain; 40-somethings who are trying to reach their therapists for another prescription for Prozac ... you know the rest.

When I was a 17-year-old driver, I wouldn’t even look down to change the station on my stereo.

Hands were always placed at 10 and two o’clock. My speedometer never went above the limit, and the distance between my car and the car ahead was at least a half of a mile.

After four years of practice, however, I got the notion in my head that I’m invincible. Now, like many, I juggle a burger in one hand, a phone in the other and as for the steering wheel?

Lets just say my knees have taken on that role.

The world just got itself into one big damn hurry, leaving all responsibility and common sense at the door.

My wake-up call came when I was watching Dr. Phil (courtesy of my mother’s obsession) about a young teen who hit and killed a cyclist while texting behind the wheel. A man died because of the

teen’s selfish act — a man who left behind a wife, children and grandchildren.

If you haven’t gotten it by now, my point is simply this: Though teens are less experienced drivers, road and driving conditions will always remain unpredictable, and accidents can and will happen to anyone.

Cell phones are addicting, no doubt. And I’m sure you’re just dying to know what Bobby’s girlfriend had to say about Suzie’s little sister’s cousin’s ex-best friend’s first date with Betty’s brother’s roommate’s ... But hey, you know what? It can wait.

It’s going to be hard, but taking the first step could possibly save someone else’s life, or even your own.

Perhaps try turning off your cell phone before buckling up, or turn it to silent. It will help with the temptation.

I’ve even gone as far as to throwing it in my trunk. Don’t laugh. Extreme urges can result in extreme measures.

And if you must, then maybe you just ought to crank up the stereo. Another distraction.

I recommend some tunes by Rhianna. Oh, say ... “Shut up and drive?”

Heather Driscoll is the Student Life editor. “One More Thing Before You Go” appears once a month.

PUBLIC FORUM

Expletives fly at SJSU games; but why?

By MARLENE ELIZALDE
Special to the Daily

You stay classy, San Jose. Or not.

There’s nothing like a game of football on a pleasant autumn evening to bring out the best in players and fans alike.

Wait ... maybe I’m wrong about that, too.

Perhaps it’s the intensity of the game, the frustration of a blocked punt or the intoxicated result of tailgate partying. Or maybe it was the successful 70-yard pass that prompted the SJSU fans in the stands at Stanford to their feet and chant vulgar and offensive phrases on Saturday.

Why is it that if the referees make a bad call or our pass is intercepted or the opposing team makes a tackle, there is such a strong compulsion to scream obscenities? What does it prove?

Yeah, yeah, I know that “You stink, poo face!” isn’t as daunting as telling the other team to fornicate with themselves.

Do you kiss your mama with that mouth?

And I agree, it’s not exactly a good thing to have a pass intercepted after finally getting a chance at redemption in the third quarter. But downsizing the competition by shouting “F--- (insert opposing team’s name here)!” is just so uncouth.

What does that accomplish? It only causes the parents to cover their kids’ ears, piss off the other people in the stands, annoy the hell out of our neighboring cheering section and reveal the degree to which San Jose State students are so ill-mannered.

And please, don’t pull the “team spirit” card on me. I’m right there with the rest of the fans stomping and yelling “defense!” or “San!” while the other section shouts “Jose!” I’ve got as much team spirit as the next person wearing a blue-and-gold wig, painted from head to toe in the colors of our alma mater.

Sure, I may even want to yell at the referees and say a few things that I wouldn’t in church. But why is it that Spartan fans find it necessary to chant expletives at the opposing team? It’s not as if the opposing team’s players can hear what you’re saying. And if they can, what are they going to do — jump the gate and tackle you? They won’t because they can’t.

It’s like sucker punching a random guy, taking candy from a baby, pushing an old lady off of the sidewalk, challenging a paraplegic to a foot race ... well, I think you get the idea.

It’s about maintaining dignity. Are you still in the third grade?

Calling people names is like walking in a barrel. You get nowhere. What happened to competition that is supposed to maintain the propriety of the school? Just spray some “Decency Be-Gone” and, no matter what the scoreboard shows, you’ve got yourself a group of Spartan fans cussing like sailors. It really is not something of which to be proud.

Such chants of crudeness are sometimes more embarrassing than a loss because, whereas the loss only reveals the team’s short-comings, the coarse language and conduct of the fans reflect negatively upon San Jose State’s character.

I do not have a better way to end this other than the way in which I started it (and in a way that will allow me to incur the least amount of “fecal matter” for writing this article).

In the wise words of Ron Burgandy, “You stay classy, San Jose.”

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‘Someone like you without a boyfriend?’

High dating standards can’t protect your heart (or capacity to eat ice cream and cry)

By MANDIE MOHSENZADEGAN
Staff Writer

A couple of nights ago, a few girlfriends and I had a movie night, which entailed watching the sappiest romantic flick we could find.

I must confess I couldn’t help but get sucked into the fairytale land of happy endings despite my better judgment.

With the weep fest over and still a large portion of ice cream left, we proceeded into what females like to call “heart-to-hearts,” where we unload long descriptive accounts of relationship troubles, stopping every so often to ask (often times rhetorically), “So, that’s what I should do, right?”

If one woman felt differently from the consensus about the handling of the boyfriend-in-question situation, she should’ve kept it to herself, as one-sided disses were not normally welcome.

“Mandie, tell me what you think I should do!” a friend of mine asked with an exasperated sigh between mouthfuls of ice cream.

I almost wanted to laugh, as I am amazed at how many women come to me with their relationship troubles, seeking the advice of someone with so little experience in that department.

Sometimes I seriously consider making up my own “Ask Mandie” column in the newspaper, but adding a caption in small print underneath — “Warning: Mandie has never even received flowers from a man, let alone been told ‘I love you.’ Ask at your own risk.”

Cue the sympathetic head-shaking. “Someone like you, without a boyfriend? Why on earth, sweetheart?”

I’ve heard it all before, and I know full well that despite the inquiry’s apparent flattery, the underlying ques-

tion is, in fact, “So what exactly is wrong with you?”

I’m fickle.

If having exceedingly high standards is a crime, then I plead guilty.

The standards differ for every woman who holds this tragic “flaw,” but normally it is a long mental list that she carries in her head at all times.

Someone who is fickle rarely ever falls in love. Once she does, the man in question must be pretty extraordinary — and also fickle — to catch her eye.

A fickle woman, upon finding the man of her dreams, will then proceed to give 110 percent to the relationship, giving of her heart in the most devoted and loving way.

If the relationship fails, well then you can cue the

I have heard its been said that the simplest way to receive love is to give it.

Ha.

sympathetic head-shaking again and see why having very high expectations leads you to Saturday nights spent watching chick flicks with a bucket of Ben & Jerry’s ice cream.

Nevertheless, here I am, giving advice on love to my girlfriends.

I will admit that my advice is not too terrible and, dare I say, even fairly practical. Which leads me to think that a lack of experience does not equate to ignorance.

Granted, I don’t know what it feels like to experience a long romantic walk on the beach with a special

someone, nor have I had a man confess his undying love for me as he passionately sways me on the dance floor.

Nevertheless, *I have* been blessed with a brain to bestow at least a few worthy words of advice even if I haven’t “been there and done that.”

I have heard its been said that the simplest way to receive love is to give it.

Ha. This invokes nothing but a bitter chuckle, and mind you, despite a difficult life, I am hardly a cynical woman; I’m merely trying to be realistic and attempting to mitigate the small remains of what was once a large amount of naive idealism.

So much for trying not to sound cynical.

It’s just that the statement could not be more false and misleading.

I have come to find that loving someone, no matter how true, genuine and sincere I am, does not mean being loved back.

I suppose that I’m still a romantic idealist in the sense that I read Jane Austen novels avidly and dream of having a Mr. Darcy or Mr. Knightly of my own someday.

I have a love/hate relationship with Austen for giving me such illusory fantasies. I dream of having my knight in shining armor show up at my door galloping toward me on his white horse.

Sooner or later life’s bitter realities sink in.

This is due to the failure to find a man who shows the ability, passion and fervent desire to understand your soul as though it were his own.

And you realize that those who find true love, the kind in fairy tales, are quite rare.

Ben & Jerry’s, anyone?

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WEEK // Lieber discusses lobbyist influence

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the local level but also offered a solution.

"If individuals see you in a position where you are contributing to the community, then they will contribute to your campaign," he said.

Williams went on to say it is easier for the public to know from whom a candidate has received money because they are required to record every contribution. Local campaigns also require less money.

On the topic of pressure from lobbyists, Lieber talked about how difficult it was to stay objective.

"There may be 30 to 40 lob-

byists working on one side of an issue and only one or two working on the other side. You have to find a way to know each people," Lieber said.

She also went into detail about

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SALLY LIEBER

Speaker pro tempore

how fast the legislative process

has become. She said a bill can pass in California in a day, while in Congress it could take a year for an issue to be heard.

Students were also given the chance to ask questions. Their questions ranged from taxes to neighborhood zoning issues. Integrity week continues Tuesday as students will be able to attend workshops on how to work better in groups.

"Academic Integrity Week will give students the opportunity to learn a variety of techniques such as writing scholarly papers and showing them where to find the resources they need to get through the semester," said Debra Griffith, director of student conduct and ethical development.

CSU // Some schools ask for higher fees

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with the 10-campus University of California taking heavy criticism last year for quietly paying top officials millions in undisclosed perks.

On the agenda for that system's governing board of regents, meeting at UC Davis today through Thursday, is a change in professional school fees that could have students at flagship campuses paying more than students elsewhere in the system.

Previously, fees had been raised on a year-by-year basis; a new system sets fees on a three-year basis to make it easier for students to plan a budget.

Several professional schools are asking for increases of 7 percent, which is in line with previous years, but some schools are asking for more. Officials at UC Berkeley's law school want increases which would take fees to \$41,000 by 2010-11, compared to \$35,000 proposed by the law school at UC Davis. Berkeley's business school would charge \$41,000 by 2010-11 compared to \$31,000 at UC San Diego.

School officials say they need the extra money to maintain quality considering cuts in state funding. They note the increases would be accompanied by increased financial aid and law schools would have loan forgiveness programs to encourage students to take up

lower-paying public service jobs.

Opponents say the fees could deter low-income students and are out of step with UC's mission as a public university.

Also on the regents' agenda is approving a salary for legal scholar Erwin Chemerinsky, who was reappointed dean of UC Irvine's new law school this week after a series of events that saw him appointed and then jettisoned by UC Irvine Chancellor Michael V. Drake.

Chemerinsky has said Drake told him the offer had been withdrawn because some regents were concerned about the new dean's politics, although Drake has said politics weren't the problem.

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